

Governor's Committee on Aging
March 8, 2013
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Edgewood Vista
3124 Colorado Lane, Bismarck

GCoA Members: Ray Silver, Marty Heller, Bruce Davidson

Presenters/Guests: Jan Engan, Sheryl Pfliger, Cherry Schmidt, Katie Yantzer, Byron McCoy, Matt Schwarz

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Jan Engan)** - Many GCoA members were absent due to illness, etc. so Jan facilitated the meeting.
2. **Minutes (Marty Heller)** - No motion to approve the meeting Minutes since there wasn't a GCoA committee quorum.
3. **Budget Report (Jan Engan)** - Reviewed the budget and \$7176.31 dollars is remaining. The upcoming June meeting is the last scheduled meeting for the biennium ending in June 2013. No motion to approve the meeting Minutes since there wasn't a GCoA committee quorum.
4. **Electing new GCoA committee members (Jan Engan)** - Plan to review prospective GCoA candidates with the committee during the quarterly meetings. Plan to review candidates with the local RASPA. Need a representative in region 1. The two candidates discussed at the previous meeting are not available.
5. **Aging Services Division Report (Jan Engan)**
 - a. **Area Plan** - Preparation for State Plan on Aging. Our current State Plan on Aging is in effect until Sept of 2014. Human Services is starting the process of drafting another plan that will begin in 2014 and go through 2018. Need input by the GCoA committee, public and community. Need to figure-out how to gather the information to develop the new State Plan. Previously solicited a draft plan was made available for the public to review and comment on. The committee members preferred this method verses an open slate where people just contribute their ideas. Plan to inform the public about the new State Plan being drafted, make them aware of where to get information about it and how to get a copy of it. Need to come up with plan options and a time line by the next meeting.
 - b. **Federal Updates** -The State Older American Act federal funding is being impacted by Sequestration. The old money or FF12 is not impacted. Our ADRL money is not affected because it is old money too. The FY13 dollars or future funding is going to be impacted. The Feds are proposing a very complicated funding formula that will reduce funding from 4 to 15 percent during 2013. All State programs funded by Aging Services Division will be affected.
 - c. **Ombudsman program** - The Ombudsman program has operated without federal regulations since inception. Regulations have been developed and are posted for comment.
 - d. **State Legislative Updates** – The GCoA budget is part Human Services budget and it will be reviewed. The \$1,000,000 from the Governor's budget for guardianship was removed in the House and the \$800,000 for Elderly Nutrition Services remains in the budget. The remaining budget dollars are unchanged.
 - SB2162 request an increase in the Mill levy match.
 - HB1041 requests funds for guardianship services.

- HB1040 deals with guardian protection.
- HB1310 changes the language so county veterans service offices can't serve as conservators.
- SB2119 deals with public transportation.
- SB2195 deals with 1.6 million dollars for vulnerable adult staffing positions. This bill did not pass out of the Senate.
- SB2323 deals with mandatory reporting for vulnerable adults.

6. **Legislative Update: Long Term Care (Shelly Peterson, NDLTCA)** - was not able to attend due to illness.

7. **GCoA Forum Planning: Nutrition (Sheryl Pfliger)** – Due to conflicts in schedules with the Aging Services Division office, the week of September 16 – 20, 2013 was chosen for the Fall Governor's Forums on Aging. Regions are encouraged to select a date/time/location as soon as possible. Please advise Sheryl of the chosen date/time/location. GCoA members should make contact with their respective RASPA's to plan the forums. The regions listed below have chosen the following:
- Region 3: considering Monday, September 30 – Elders Day Out
 - Region 4: Monday, September 23 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Grand Forks Senior Center
 - Region 5: Forum to be held in conjunction with Northern Plains conference
 - Region 8: tentatively September 17

Members were also requested to develop a 'catchy slogan' for the conference.

Regarding the program, Cathy Breedon, Sanford Health-Fargo, has declined the offer to present at the forums. Jan will continue efforts to secure a speaker from the Administration on Aging. GCoA members should contact their local county extension offices for possible presenters/presentations. Ideas for presentations include, but are not limited to: food interaction with medications; vitamin D deficiency; eye disease and nutrition; cooking for one; food safety at home; purchasing healthy but economical foods; nursing your bones and joints; and other nutrition related topics. You may also contact local pharmacists, district health units, etc. for assistance.

Ray Silver reported that they well into the planning and indicated local contacts/possible sessions to be held. Sheryl will send contact information on Cathy Breedon in the event that she would consider presenting in Grand Forks.

8. **Workforce Development (Katie Yantzer, MFP)** - Katie works with QSP service providers and it is a challenge to find providers that deliver family home care. They are working on a big pilot project with Edgewood Visa to provide HCBS services outside their service walls. They plan to provide HCBS custodial services, etc. Workforce Development selected Edgewood Vista over other service providers because of their desire to pilot this project. The QSP agency providers receive about \$25/hr. and independent QSP's receive about \$18/hr.
9. **GCoA Work Plan for 2013 (Dallas Knudson)** No report. Ray Silver reported his region forum speaker choices in order are: Donna Burnheart - NDSU, Molly Sobby - Extension agent, Alan Anderson and maybe Wendy Woods. Scheduled for Sept 23, 2013 at the Grand Forks senior center.
10. **Next Meeting** – June 14th in Jamestown.
11. **Other Brian McCoy ND, Community Action Partnership.** He's a transportation coordinator and oversees many of the transportation providers and coordinates the transportation needs of the public. Contact the providers for information regarding routes, prices and times. Brian handed-out a brochure called the "Transportation resource guide."

12. **Call to the Public** - Pass

13. **Letter to Governor (Larry Wagner)** - We reviewed the letter to the Governor that Larry wrote about the GCoA committee's accomplishments for the past term.
14. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.
15. **Documents** - Distribute the following documents to the GCoA committee members:
 - a. **Letter to Governor about the GCoA committee accomplishments.**
 - b. **Legislative Summary**
 - c. **Budget**
 - d. **List of GCoA members with details about their region.**
 - e. **Transportation Resource Guide**